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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the Wisconsin Power and Light Company, as an
Electric, Water and Natural Gas Public Utility, to Change Electric,
Water and Natural Gas Rates

6680-UR-112

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, ASSESSMENT OF COSTS,
AND
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Prehearing Conference Date: Thursday, September 5, 2002 – 1:30 p.m.

Conference Location: Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way,
Madison, WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1st Floor)

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider Wisconsin Power and Light Company's (WP&L) May 7, 2002, application under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03(1) and (3), 196.20(1) and 196.37(1), (2), and (3), for authority to increase its electric, natural gas, and Beloit water and Ripon water rates in such amounts as will permit WP&L to yield revenues sufficient to meet increased costs of service and produce a reasonable return on its investment. WP&L's filing requests a \$48,608,000 (7.18 percent) increase for electric operations, a \$9,726,000 (5.65 percent) increase for natural gas operations, a \$605,000 (12.30 percent) increase for Beloit water operations, and a \$137,000 (12.24 percent) increase for Ripon water operations. These increases are estimates and may be modified depending on the Final Decision in docket 6680-UR-111.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Thursday, September 5, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the

south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as full parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.21(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Mary E. McIlwee at (608) 267-7915.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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